



City of Scottsdale  
Scottsdale Sports Complex  
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## Spring 2010 Newsletter

The Scottsdale Sports Complex would like your input on the sports field lighting.

Prior to construction, the City gathered input regarding the location, technology and timing of the sports lights installed at the Complex. The goal was to minimize the light impact to the neighborhoods that border the complex while providing lighted sports fields for the community.

The City installed state-of-the-art lights that required fewer fixtures to achieve the desired light levels. The reflector design reduces offsite spill light by 50% and upward light, protecting the beauty of the dark skies. The automated scheduling and monitoring system ensures that lights are on only when needed. Finally, the maintenance program reduces energy and maintenance cost.

We would like to know your thoughts on the sports field lights and if they have impacted you.

To participate in the Scottsdale Sports Complex lighting survey, visit [www.scottsdaleaz.gov](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov). Navigate to the Scottsdale Sports Complex page and click the *Light Survey* link.



## Going Green

The Scottsdale Sports Complex is an advocate for the sustainable management of resources and stewardship of the natural environment through changes in public and individual behavior.

This year, the Complex purchased one of the City's first solar powered EZgo carts. The solar panel is mounted directly on the roof of the golf cart and converts sunlight directly to electricity. The electricity either charges the battery or goes straight to the motor during operation. The solar panels produce over 1kWh of net solar charge per day equating to an average of almost 6 solar miles per day.

The E-cart is utilized by both the maintenance and recreation staff 7-days a week. In addition to saving the planet up to 250 pounds of coal and over 500 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, it is believed that the innovation should reduce SSC's gasoline usage significantly. The benefits and savings will be tracked over the course of 2010. It is hoped that the lower operating costs will have a financial payback period of 4 years or less.



## Parks & Grounds Maintenance ...

As the temperature heats up, expect the maintenance crew to begin the annual turf maintenance on the sports fields. When the ground temperatures exceed 90 degrees, the grass is in its most active growth period. This is the ideal time to aerate, top dress and fertilize the sports turf. Crews will core aerate the 35 acres of turf and maintenance staff will use over 400 tons of USGA-grade sand to top dress the 10 sports fields. For maximum benefits, a slow release fertilizer will be applied followed by the proper irrigation requirements. While the grass hits the peak growing season, maintenance staff will be busy checking the hundreds of irrigation heads throughout the complex.



### Mark your calendar for Maintenance!

Scottsdale Sports Complex will not accept reservations June 19<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup> to conduct turf maintenance. The basketball court, playground, and pathways will be available for drop-in.



## What's in the neighborhood ...

### I live near the Sports Complex, but where can I ...

**... go swimming?** McDowell Mountain Ranch Park & Aquatic Center (15525 N. Thompson Peak Parkway) has a lap pool, a dive well, tube water slide, a lazy river, zero-depth entry into a large play pool with water play features, and much more!

**... have a picnic?** Horizon Park & Community Center (15444 N. 100th St) is a 24-acre park with three designated picnic areas.

**... play in a softball league?** Grayhawk Community Park (20199 N. 78th Place) has four lighted softball fields plus a basketball court and playground.

**... play tennis?** Scottsdale Ranch Park (10400 E. Via Linda) has 18 lighted tennis courts plus many other amenities.

**... go for a hike?** Pinnacle Peak Park (26802 N. 102nd Way) provides a moderate hike with an elevation gain of about 1,300 feet. The trail has a very smooth tread with a number of ups and downs over the course of the 1.75 mile trail (one way).

\*Some programs may require registration (leagues/lessons) and permits can be obtained for ramada and picnic reservations.

For more information on Scottsdale Parks & Programs visit:

**[www.scottsdaleaz.gov](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov)**

***navigate to the Parks & Recreation page***



## 2010 Census

### CENSUS FORMS WILL BE MAILED OUT IN MARCH

The 2010 Census is a portrait of the entire country. You can provide a great service to our community this year by filling out a quick Census survey.

Look for the form in your mailbox starting in March. The 2010 Census form is the shortest questionnaire ever - only 10 questions - and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

It's critical to get surveys returned for two reasons: Local governments miss out on about \$1,500 per person for every person missed; and the federal government saves about \$90 million for every 1 percent increase in the response rate.

That's why it's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. People from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Bridges, tunnels and other -public works projects
- Emergency services
- Job training centers
- Senior centers

For more information on the Census, visit <http://2010.census.gov>

## Spring 2010 activities and events...



"The GREENEST Show on Grass" returns to the TPC Scottsdale with a new title sponsor. The Waste Management Phoenix Open will be played February 22 – 28, 2010. With the tournament date a month later this year, tournament officials are expecting one of the strongest fields in years. Defending champion Kenny Perry and local fan favorite Phil Mickelson are among the first of early commitments to the 2010 Waste Management Phoenix Open. The 2010 edition will mark the 75th playing of the event, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR.

Scottsdale Sports Complex field reservations will be affected before and after the golf tournament. As in the past, the basketball court, playground and pathways will be available for drop-in on a limited basis during February and March.

**March 27** The 4th Annual Laura's 5k Run/Walk and Kids Dash returns to Scottsdale Sport Complex. Participants will run, walk and dash throughout the complex to support the Laura Hart Burdick Foundation established in 2006. Proceeds of "Laura's Run" benefit patients of the Heart and Lung

Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.



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**April & May** Arizona Youth Soccer Association will host league games at the SCC on Saturdays and Sundays throughout April and into May.



**May 5-8** Will the Hokies from Virginia return to Scottsdale Sports Complex to defend their title in the US Lacrosse Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates National Championship Lacrosse Tournament?



This premier event attracts and spotlights some of the best and brightest lacrosse talent in the club realm of college athletics. A total of 16 teams will compete for the national championship in each of their respective divisions. The 2010 event will also include a Division II Tournament consisting of eight teams selected at-large from DII WDIA. The event is conducted and managed by US Lacrosse, the national governing body of lacrosse.

**May 29-31** As part of US Club Soccer's national championship competition, SSC will host one of the 12 Regional competitions. Winners from each Regional event advance to the National Cup Finals, where national champions are crowned in two competitive divisions. Come out and see some of the best boys and girls ages 11-17 competing for their ticket to Virginia.

